

Election bills Are Given Veto

Three more vetoes were sent to the legislature late yesterday afternoon by Governor Lister, one of the bills requiring the signing of initiative and referendum petitions only at the place of registration, one of the bill making the same requirement for signing recall petitions, and one of the bill providing a May party "caucus," June conventions, a regular September primary.

Governor Lister in his message declares that the bills requiring signing of petitions only at the places of registration would tend to obstruct the operation of the direct legislation system, rather than facilitate it as claimed by the friends of the bills. He says in regard to the convention and primary bill, known as the Whitney republican bill, that it would tend to revive partisan politics rather than augment non-partisanship, toward which he declares the masses of the people are leaning.

Whether the vetoes will come up for consideration by the legislature today or not until tomorrow had not been decided by the leaders of the majority at a late hour last night. The two direct election bills are House bills, and will come up in the lower house first, while the Whitney bill is a senate bill. Republican leaders declare that they have sufficient votes to pass all three over the vetoes, and it is freely predicted that both will be passed notwithstanding the governor's veto.